

REMARKS

The objections under paragraph 1 on page 2 of the final rejection have been overcome. The objections set forth in paragraph 2 are believed to be in error since the suggested change, set forth on page 3 of the office action, has already been implemented.

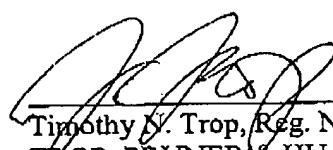
Reconsideration of the rejection based on inherency of claim 12 is respectfully requested. The rejection seems to be based on the fact that somehow an image would be taken even though the reference never suggests doing so. It is respectfully submitted that there is no need to record an image during a calibration mode as described in the reference. For example, calibration could be done without ever recording an image.

Then we are left with the reference teaching only exactly what it says. What it says is that you have a predetermined light generator with known color balance disposed in front of the camera "for a calibration mode." See column 6, lines 45-48. An ASIC recognizes the calibration mode, "locates the array of light emitting diodes within an image, preferably by their fixed known pattern or arrangement, and then compares the known color balance with the color balance in the rest of the scene." This suggests that all that is done is that a color balance is taken and that no measurement of ambient white light intensity is ever actually made.

The claim requires the measurement of the intensity of each of the lights together with the white light intensity. The reference does not measure the intensity of each of a plurality of lights. Also, the reference does not teach also measuring the overall ambient white light intensity. At a minimum, the reference does not measure the intensity of each light together with the ambient white light.

Therefore, reconsideration would be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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